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The cover picture is a Nativity Scene in The Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio, Milan

All Saints Scottish Episcopal Church

Drymen Road, Bearsden



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From the Rector

Dear Friends

At the other end of this year I visited Milan and while we visited many churches it is one particular item in one particular church which has been the focus of my reflections as the weather turns frosty and Christmas approaches. Tucked away in The Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio round the corner from some splendid paintings and elaborate reliquaries, was a nativity scene, the one that graces the cover of this magazine. Like the Italian Chapel in Orkney, which I wrote about for the June magazine, this nativity scene was made by Prisoners of War.

As Christmas 1944 approached people all across Europe were entering their 6th festive season of war. Rather than angels singing 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all', the sounds of bombs, and air raids, bullets and death cries were heard, however the end was drawing near. After Italy and the Allies agreed an armistice in September 1943, the Italian military in Germany were interned just outside Wiestzendorf in the Stalag X-D (310) which had previously held Russian prisoners from the Eastern Front. Those Russian prisoners had been moved out as it was considered not suitable because of the 'poor sanitary conditions'. It was in such conditions that these Italians were to live for nearly two years. It is clear to me that the hope that Christmas brings into the world was very real for those prisoners as they produced this nativity in the later months of 1944.

They made it using the items that were around them, a blunt knife and a door hinge as a hammer. The frames of the people made with pallet wood and barbed wire. Their clothes made from toilet bags, parts of badges and strips from a chaplains cassock. Jesus is made out of a silk handkerchief and a bracelet became the necklace of the Magis. The sheep are clothed in frayed horse hair bedding. The ox that was once part of the nativity was left in the camp as a precious token of those who did not return.

But for me the most striking thing is the star. Shooting across the sky made out of barbed wire, it reminded me at the time, and still does now, of the crown of thorns Jesus was later to wear.

Christmas is a time of joy and festivities, however without Good Friday and Easter Morn Christmas is nothing at all. The babe we await during Advent and whose return we continue to look for came to die. That star twinkling as it did speaks not only of the birth of a baby, but of the new birth we all have through that



baby's death and resurrection. As the world seems to lunge from one crisis and disaster to another that barbed wire star can remind us that even as we hope, we have to live through sorrow, yet even in suffering, hope can be found.

Christmas is a time for celebration yes, but let us not forget just what we celebrate and those for whom any celebration is tinged with fear, sadness, distress or pain.

May the world know the peace and hope of Christ this Christmastide.

*Blessings
Kirstin*

New Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney

The diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney weren't able to elect a new bishop so the task was passed on to the College of Bishops who met on the 9th of November and elected Canon Anne Dyer, currently Rector of Holy Trinity, Haddington, as the new bishop for Aberdeen and Orkney. Please remember Anne in your prayers as she prepares to undertake this new role. Also please continue to pray for the Diocese of Brechin and the Diocese of St Andrew, Dunblane and Dunkeld as they both continue their process of electing a new bishop.

Festival of Stars

During December you will see stars popping up all around the Cross area including in All Saints, our buildings and grounds.

During November a host of people have been making stars to decorate the community, the workshops have been great fun and people of all ages and abilities have come along to make stars, by far the majority being those who do not attend church. Inside shops you will see felt and paper stars, stars with beads and stars made out of ribbon. Outside there will be decoupage stars, clay stars, glittery salt dough stars, glue stars, foam stars, wooden stars, and more in a host of colours and sizes, each one made by a member of the local community.



The festival kicks off with the lighting of the community Christmas Tree and Carol singing on **Friday 1st December at 5pm**, outside Old Kilpatrick Church Halls, when Olaf and Elsa will be present and the local shops will remain open a bit later than usual. There will also be an opportunity to make a star and hang it adding to the ones already up.



There will be family Christmas films shown on Saturday 2nd at New Kilpatrick New Halls, Saturday 9th at Bearsden Cross Church and Saturday 16th at St Andrew's RC. All films will begin at 1pm, look out for further information as to which films will be shown. There will also be Star Stories told at the Library on Saturday 9th December at 2pm and lots more.

Join in with our Festival of Stars as we await the appearing of the star to mark the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem.

Advent Services

During Advent Morning Prayer will be said in the choir vestry at 8am Monday to Thursday, please enter by the door into the choir vestry at the Church car park. On the 3rd and 10th December Compline will take place in the Church at 6pm.

Lessons and Carols

We will once more be holding joint Lessons and Carol Services with New Kilpatrick. This year New Kilpatrick will host the Christmas Carol service at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th December and All Saints will host an Epiphany Carol Service on 7th January also beginning at 6.30pm.



Services for 24th and 25th December

As the 24th December falls on a Sunday this year there is a slight tweak to the usual Sunday services and Christmas Eve to accommodate everything.

24th December – Advent 4

9am Said Eucharist (1970 Liturgy)

10.30am Christingle and Crib Service – non Eucharistic service.

Anyone who wishes can come along dressed as a character from the Christmas Story.

24th December – Christmas Eve

5pm Carols and Hot Chocolate – joint service with New Kilpatrick

11:30pm Midnight Eucharist

25th December – Christmas Day

10.30am Sung Eucharist for the Nativity

Diocesan Advent Quiet Day –

coming SOONER than you think!

Saturday 2nd December 2017 – 10 for 10.30 am – 3pm

AT **Holy Trinity & St Barnabas**, Paisley, led by Bishop Gregor Duncan
AND

AT **St Ninian's, Castle Douglas**, led by Bishop Gordon Mursell

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch, but tea and coffee will be provided from 10am.

Please apply to Jennifer FitzGibbon (secretary), Development Team for Prayer and Spirituality,

e-mail j2fg@aol.com; phone 01294823992, before 24th Nov if possible or write to the Diocesan Centre (mark envelope 'Advent Quiet Day')

Vestry Notes – November 13th 2017

- The Vestry met on 13 November 2017.
- There had not been sufficient quotations received for replacing the Church boiler to proceed with the job immediately.
- The Vestry discussed the form and content of the AGM, to be held after the morning service on 19 November 2017. Although the plan to improve thermal insulation of the Church had not yet been prepared in detail, it was decided to proceed with a Gift Day at the AGM, as this was in practice unconnected with the insulation. The Vestry agreed that the Gift Day represented an opportunity for members to express their thanks for the opportunity to worship God in a beautiful building and among a supportive congregation. Graham Caie would introduce the Gift Day at the AGM and Andrew Long would speak to the development of the insulation plans.
- The Treasurer reported that the OSCR report for 2016-17 would not be ready in time to discuss it at the AGM, but that he had put together the accounts for the year in convenient form for the meeting, with an explanatory cover sheet.
- The Vestry decided that the plan for the thermal insulation of the Church building would be progressed by a small sub-committee containing inter alia the Treasurer and John Harrington, who would report back to the Vestry for approval before work was commenced. (See proposal later in the magazine)

- The form and content of the AGM was discussed and an Agenda for the meeting agreed. The Rector expressed the thanks of the Vestry to its retiring members, Louise Benson, Celia Fisher and John Harrington, and to Rob Smith, the retiring Lay Rep, for the work they had done for the Church over the years.
- The next Vestry meeting would be held on Monday 11 December.

Andrew Long

Proposed thermal insulation of All Saints

The Vestry is always on the lookout for ways to improve our buildings and their fittings so as to leave a legacy for those who succeed us. Given that the repairs recommended in the Quinquennial Report have just been completed using our regular income, it has decided at its October meeting that it would now be appropriate to invest in a capital project, drawing on our reserves to do this if necessary. The project we are proposing would be to thermally insulate the Church. Not only would this make our worship in winter months more comfortable, but it would also reduce our heating bills, make our overall thermal emissions somewhat lower and therefore improve our green credentials.

As presently envisaged, the insulation process would be divided into three phases. Phase 1, the least problematic, would be to put additional glazing units in front of all our windows to reduce the losses by this route. We would envisage being able to do this in the current financial year. We have not yet done any detailed planning of what would be required; the small windows down the aisles of the Church and in the Sacristy and Choir Vestry would not present any problems, but the large “east” and “west” windows would be more difficult, due to their size, and we will need to consult experts about tackling them. Phase 2 would be underfloor insulation. There are obvious precautions we will need to take when doing this to ensure adequate ventilation is retained. And finally in Phase 3, we would tackle the roof, which is currently completely uninsulated. This would require a false ceiling to hold the insulation to the roof planking. Professional advice will be needed about how to do this job.

As regards defraying the cost, we have already received a number of legacies recently which can be diverted into this project, and we can also draw on our accumulated general reserves. When we have more complete proposals including estimates of cost, we will communicate the details to the congregation.

Andrew Long

All Saints AGM – November 19th 2017

- The AGM for 2017 was held on November 19 with the Rector in the Chair and 35 members present.
- The Minutes of the last AGM on 27 November 2016 were accepted without amendment.
- In her report the Rector spoke of the successes during the year, the ever closer co-operation with New Kilpatrick, the new hymn books now in use and popular with congregation, Coffee and Communion enjoyed by a small but select band and the opportunity to welcome speakers on Sundays from several of the organisations we support including Friends of Vellore, Mission to Seamen and Livingstonia Hospital Partnership. She also detailed the outside bodies on which she served.
- The Property Convenor concentrated on the high priority tasks itemised in the Quinquennial report, which had been completed. We would move onto Phase 2 of the recommendations in 2018.
- The Treasurer reported that we had made a small surplus of something like £4000 on our general operations in 2016-17. Mission support would be continued in 2017-18 at the same level as in 2016-17.
- The following elections were made: Lay Representative – David Simmons, Alternate Lay Representative – David Hamblen, Vestry Member – Ann MacDougall, Association of Bearsden Churches – Celia Fisher. Two Vestry places and one as NW Regional Council Rep remained unfilled.
- Andrew Long introduced a paper in which the Vestry proposed improving the thermal insulation of the Church. This was welcomed by the Congregation.
- Graham Caie told the meeting that it was proposed to hold a Gift Day on Advent Sunday. Envelopes to hold the gifts were distributed to those present.
- The meeting closed with an Act of Remembrance for those members who passed away during the year, and with the Grace.

Andrew Long

Sunshine Bags

Despite the fact that we did not have a very sunny summer, the Sunshine Bags raised a total of £787.27. This is less than last year but more than 2015, so an excellent result. Many thanks indeed to everyone who handed back their bags at the Harvest Festival. As this is such an easy way to raise funds for the Church, we will operate the scheme again next year. If you have a Sunshine Bag lurking somewhere at home, please return it to me or leave it at the sidesman's table at the back of the Church. Thank you.

A fantastic result!



Ann Caie

Visit of Dr Dayalan Clarke from Friends of Vellore UK

It was a great privilege to welcome Dr Dayalan Clarke to All Saints on Sunday 8th October. Dr Clarke is currently helping with the Person to Person scheme on behalf of the Friends of Vellore UK.

The Mission Support group at All saints has sent a donation to the PTP scheme for many years and it was so good to hear first hand about the work of Vellore and the PTP scheme.

Dr Clarke is a graduate of the medical school at the Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore (a city west of Chennai in South India) and was in fact born at the hospital, where his father was head of the Chaplaincy Team. Dr Clarke has been a cancer and breast surgeon in Warwickshire for many years.

The talk Dr Clarke gave was spilt into 3 sections:

1. a history of the Christian Medical College and Hospital which was founded by Dr Ida Scudder in 1918 in response to the plight of the desperately poor of South India, with special concern for the plight of women. Today the Hospital is one of the foremost hospitals in Asia.
2. an overview of the Friends of Vellore UK, which is based in Cambridge, and their concern to support education and healthcare in India, to give priority to the needs of the poor and to assist in maintaining the Christian character of the college and Hospital.
3. Person to Person scheme - this is where our financial help has been allocated over the years. PTP want to ensure that everyone receives appropriate medical care regardless of ability to pay. With the the average salary of the people needing care being £25 per month, our money has contributed to a percentage

of the costs of vital treatment for the most needy of patients, and our financial and prayer support over the years is very much appreciated.

Dr Clarke opened and closed his talk with prayer, and thereafter enjoyed meeting members from the congregation (some of whom have been to Vellore) in the hall after the service.

Louise Benson

Visit to All Saints by Dr Lyn Dowds on 5 November 2017

Members will be aware of the long term relationship All Saints has had with the



David Gordon Memorial Hospital at Livingstonia, Malawi. The resident doctor there, Lyn Dowds, visited All Saints on Sunday 5 November and spoke to congregation after the 10.30 am service. She pitched her talk particularly to the Sunday School children though her slides were so graphic that I am sure all those of us present got some idea of

the conditions under which the Hospital struggles and the great work they perform nonetheless. Here are some examples of the stories she told. The first was of an elderly man living with his grand-daughter in a hut with only three walls. Lyn noted that elder abuse was a common problem in the area – in this case the family take part of the supplies which the hospital gives him.

Lyn emphasised the difficulties in travelling around which the hospital staff suffered, particularly in the rainy season. She showed a shot of one of the hospital ambulances attempting to negotiate a local dirt road.

Malaria is also common particularly among children. Essential drugs are often difficult to come by and blood is in short supply.





Burns cases, like the girl in the picture are relatively commonplace due to the open fires found in many houses.

Finally Lyn spoke of the Living Trees of Livingstonia development project which she runs with her husband.



Lyn's talk greatly affected those of us who were there to hear it, making us pleased that we had supported the work of the hospital at Livingstonia generously over the years. She spent much time afterwards talking to members of the congregation, and also came to worship with us at the Choral Evensong later in the day and meet more of our interested members.

Subsequently the Vestry agreed to donate the collection from the Choral Evensong on the date of Lyn's visit to the Livingstonia hospital Partnership.

Andrew Long

All Saints Cream Tea

All Saints' Cream Tea on November 4th certainly lived up to expectations. Tables, filled to capacity, were decorated with flowers and laden with delicious scones, jam, cream



and other tempting goodies.

Further temptation was supplied by the groaning baking stall.

The Ayoub Sisters' C.D. playing in the background provided a delightful accompaniment to the general chatter of those obviously enjoying themselves. A good time was had by all and the hard work



of the organisers much appreciated.

Gill Hamblen

Wednesday Lunches

Andrew's presentation about his recent trip to Greece was a special treat for everyone who came to this week's Wednesday Lunch Group. He had visited almost all the major architectural sites on the Greek mainland as well as a couple of islands, and he brought wonderful pictures of the Acropolis in Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Epidavros, Mycenae and more.

One of the things which made it even more interesting was his own description of what he saw and the comparison he made with his last visit to Greece in 1967. It is a strange notion that sites which are over 2,500 years old could change very much in only 50 years, but the slides taken in 1967 and 2017, placed side by side on the screen, showed just how much they had.



Stadium at Delphi below Parnassus

As well as the comparison between the present and 1967, Andrew also brought pictures of the reconstruction of the buildings as they were when they were built. These were fascinating and gave us real sense of how magnificent they really were and just how skilful the builders had been.

Brenda Hadcroft

Wednesday Lunch Programme

The Wed lunch group warmly invite you to join us each week at 12 noon for warming soup and fresh rolls. We are meeting every Wednesday until 13th December.

At Christmas we take a break and start again on the **17th January**.

November 23rd is a chat day

November 30th come and learn how to make the "LONG" Christmas pudding!!

December 6th .. table decorations for Christmas

December 13th The Annual Christmas party. (See details following)



Geoff and Penny Haydock are entertaining us this year at our Christmas Party on **December 13th** and leading our Christmas carols. Donations will be going to the Paul O' Gorman Leukaemia charity. If you would like to join us please reserve your place with Jenny.

We start again on 17th January and will be celebrating Burns on the 24th.

Happy Christmas!

The lunch team

Attention All Saints Knitters

We are looking forward to a return visit from our speaker from the Mission to Seamen. He mentioned the need for "Beanie" hats. Would you like to help? All you need is double knitting wool and number 8 or 4mm needles.

The recipe.....sorry pattern is below.

Let's make it 100!!!! When you have knitted one, or as many as you can, please hand to Jenny or Sheena or anyone in the Wednesday lunch group.

Knitted Beanie Hat

Use double knitting wool ...approx 75 gms No. 8 needles or 4 mm

Cast on 90 stitches work 3" in K P rib; Continue in St St for 7/8 inches

End on a purl row increasing 1 stitch at the end of the row

To shape the crown....

1st row--- slip1* k 2tog..k 8repeat from* to end

2nd Row and all alt rows....purl

3rd row ---slip1 * k 2tog..k 7 repeat from* to end

5th row---slip1 * k 2tog...6 repeat from* to end

Continue working with one stitch less in the decrease until 28 stitches remain purl one row.

Next row- knit 2 tog across all stitches. Break of wool. Thread through remaining stitches and stitch centre back seam.



The Book Stall

I feel the bookstall is doing quite well. From November 2016 to September 2017 the book stall made £449, donated to church funds. I try to rotate the books to appeal to people; books that are unsuitable or unsold I donate to charity shops. I would like to thank members of the congregation and others, those who attend events in the church halls and those who donate and buy the books, without whom there would be no book stall.

Thank you for your support and Seasons Greetings to you all .

Margaret Dunn

Music Notes

This year the Christmastide musical event at All Saints is a service of lessons and carols for the Epiphany. The service will be at **6.30pm on Sunday 7th January**, and we will once again be having visitors from St James's Paisley and New Kilpatrick joining the choir. A lovely way to start the new year!

Peter Christie

Patronal Festival Choral Evensong



Sunday 5th November

A combined choir of All Saints with those of St. James Paisley and New Kilpatrick gave us the delight of 18 choristers joining the congregation to sing the rousing hymn "All people that on earth do dwell", a suitably vigorous start to our evensong, with Psalm 149 continuing the celebratory theme. Kirstin and Mike were joined by Rev. Roddy Hamilton of New Kilpatrick. Kirstin and Roddy read the poem by Ada Cambridge, "Blessed are they" which followed the Choir anthem "Give us the wings of faith" by Ernest Bullock. The setting of the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis was the Opus 6 in B minor by T.Tertius Noble, beautifully sung and admirably directed by Peter Christie. The sensitive accompaniment was provided by Chris Nickol, who until the last moment did not know whether he was to play the organ or the Yamaha keyboard, as a siphon on the organ made it unusable until a few minutes before the start of the service.

The whole service was a suitable celebration both for our Patronal festival and for our invited guest Dr Lyn Dowds of the Livingstonia Hospital in Malawi, who had made a special visit to tell us something of the wonderful work that is being done there daily. The retiring collection of £150 has been sent to the charity. Two further hymns: "All creatures of our God and King" and "Dear mother earth, who day by day" brought our service to its conclusion. This was then followed by wine or light refreshments and a chance to ask Dr Dowds any questions arising from her talk earlier in the day.

John Harrington

E group Meeting

We met at Kelvin Crescent this month and started with supper as usual which was a Greek Shepherd Pie from the Christian Aid Cook book. There were 7 of us round the table this time. The book we are on, Max Lucado 's "He Still Moves Stones", is easy to get on with as each chapter can stand alone, although we were not too keen on the one for that session. It was about when you are out of choices and there are bright lights on dark nights. Daniel's plight in the lions den being the main reading of the night.

We will meet once more before Christmas. The E stands for exploring our faith and we have had some interesting discussions with this book!!

Jean Stirling

Farewell to Rob and Christine

And it's goodbye from them...

Over the weekend of our Patronal Festival for All Saints (4-5 November), we had a very full programme of events: a Saturday afternoon Tea Party; a talk at the main Sunday service given by one of the medical staff of the hospital at Livingstonia in Malawi; and a special Choral Evensong for the feast of All Saints.

At all of these events, we had the pleasure of the company of the Smiths—Rob and Christine to be precise. The significance of their return to our church that weekend (from Stanley in Perthshire) was revealed at the end of the 10.30 Eucharist on Sunday 5th, when David Simmons made an official presentation to them to mark their departure from All Saints. For most of their 28 year residence in Bearsden, they have been active members of our congregation.

Indeed, over the time of their long association with the congregation of All Saints, Rob and Christine have contributed immensely to the life and work of the Church. Amongst the many roles they've occupied (or hats they've worn)

have been those of: Vestry members (in both cases, serving terms as Secretary), house group hosts and leaders, members of the Social Group and, in the early days, the Family Service Group as it was then known.

Last year they visited the hospital at Livingstonia, delivering gifts to the children there. Christine herself has been a long-standing choir member, has served on the Halls Fund-raising Committee, and established the E-Group. Rob, meanwhile, has chaired a Mission Audit programme, and led several Stewardship campaigns. Most recently though, his role has been that of Lay Representative, stepping down at our AGM this year after six years' service in that capacity.

Rob and Christine are presently seeking a main place of residence in the Yorkshire Dales, but hope to be able to make regular forays north to their flat in the village of Stanley which is where they are currently staying. Amongst the gifts presented to them on Sunday 5th November were some Garden Vouchers which we hope will provide the means of enhancing whatever new garden they find themselves adopting. Such enhancement, it is hoped, will remind them happily of their long-standing association with All Saints.

Thank you both, Rob and Christine, for all you've done for the life and Christian witness of All Saints over many years. We wish you every blessing in your new place(s) of residence.

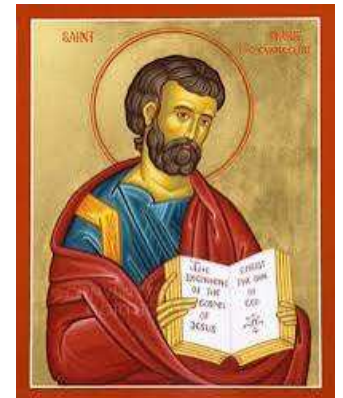
Mike Graham

Mark and his Gospel

Part One

We are moving into the liturgical year when Mark is our prime Biblical source for our Sunday Morning Gospel readings. Mark is the shortest and earliest of the Gospels within the New Testament canon and it was most likely written in Rome, probably somewhere around AD60.

For many centuries it was thought the Gospel was actually Peter's not Mark's. This was first suggested around 220AD when there was a desire to give authority to certain texts and stop heresies, more recently a Gospel attributed to Peter has been discovered and most now understand this Gospel to be of John Mark.



In the Gospel there is a snippet during the Gethsemane story. "A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked." (14:51-52). This is recorded nowhere else. Who would know this information? Certainly the young man having slipped out of his home under the cover of darkness because he knew something was going on and wanted to see for himself just what it was. It has long been accepted that young man was John Mark.

John Mark was the son of Margaret in whose home followers of Jesus met after the resurrection, including Simon Peter who went there after his release from prison (Acts 12:12). This would suggest that John Mark lived and grew up among the earliest followers of Jesus and probably met Jesus in person. Barnabas, his uncle accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and they took Mark with them. However he left them and returned back to Jerusalem, which was later to be the cause of Paul and Barnabas ceasing to travel together.

The fact that all this is documented within the book of Acts points to Mark, despite being young, having some standing in the burgeoning church. Whatever the reason for his return early to Jerusalem and his part in the dissolving of the Paul/Barnabas partnership, later Paul still values Mark highly and in his first letter calls him his Son (1 Peter 5:13) and later when he is dying he writes to Timothy asking him to bring Mark to him (2 Timothy 4:11).

In the February magazine we will take a dip into Mark's Gospel to discover the recurring themes and those things which mark verses and passages as being typically Marcian.

For now as the season of Advent and Christmas approach it is telling that Mark has no lineage or birth narrative, like Matthew and Luke. No theological reflection on God becoming incarnate, like John. There is no Magi and Light needed for the Gentiles, to counteract centuries of 'us and them theology'. For Mark, Jesus' actions speak for themselves there is no need of prior knowledge or particular parentage, Jesus' words and actions are enough.

The Rector

Children's Corner

Epiphany

Nowadays many people think Christmas "ends" once the gifts are unwrapped on 25th December. Technically, though, that is only the beginning of the traditional Christmas season and many people around the world celebrate Christ on Epiphany, which comes twelve days after Christmas itself.



Epiphany commemorates the visitation of the Wise Men and their gifts to Jesus. For us, Epiphany is also a reminder that Jesus was revealed to *Gentiles* and celebrated by all types of people.

The story of the Wise Men encourages us to never stop *seeking* what matters.

- In **Spain and Mexico**, "El Día de los Reyes" (Day of the Kings) is celebrated with gift-giving and parties. Often special pastries are served, including special cakes with prizes inside.
- In **many Latin American** countries, children leave out hay and food for "camels" rather than cookies for Santa, and put their shoes outside to be filled with gifts.
- In **Poland and Belgium** (just to name a couple), children go door to door singing and receive things, sort of a cross between trick-or-treating and caroling.
- In **Italy**, the legend of "La Befana" is told. It's a tale of a woman who was too busy to accompany the wise men and missed meeting Jesus.

... We Have Seen HIS Star in The East...



Colour in the picture of the wise men

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).



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Upcoming Dates for the diary

3rd December	Sunday School	11 th February	Holiday
10 th December	Sunday School	18 th February	Sunday School
17 th December	Christmas Party	25 th February	Sunday School
24 th December	All Age Worship	4 th March	Sunday School
31 st December	Holiday	11 th March	All Age Worship Mothering Sunday
7 th January	Holiday	18 th March	Sunday School
14 th January	Sunday School	25 th March	Sunday School
21 st January	Sunday School	1 st April	Holiday
28 th January	Sunday School	8 th April	Holiday
4 th February	Sunday School	15 th April	Holiday

December –January Service Rota

Date	Sidesmen 10:30 a.m.	Eucharistic Assistants	Readings	Reader	Intercessor	Coffee Name in bold to bring milk
3 December Advent 1	Joyce James Graham Bryson	LHS: Mike RHS: Graham	Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37	Mary Stott	Andrew Long	Elaine Perret John Brooker Gioia Whitmore
10 December Advent 2	Mike Keen John Harrington	LHS: Hanan RHS: Celia	Isaiah 40:1-11 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-3	Ann Wheatley	David Simmons	Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson Gillian Kingslake
17 December Advent 3	Philip Thompson Simon Lewis	LHS: John RHS: Catriona	2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Mark:1:4-8	David Wheatley	Mike Graham	Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis Ann Wheatley
24 December Advent 4 Christingle/Crib	Susan Gray Celia Fisher	N/A	TBA	TBA	TBA	Margery Pollock May Campbell Margaret Dunn
Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist	Andrew Long TBA	LHS: Graham RHS: Andrew	Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 John 1:1-14	Andrew Long	John Duncan	N/A
Christmas Day	TBA	LHS: Hanan RHS: Catriona	Isaiah 52:7-10 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:8-20	TBA	TBA	N/A

All Age worship dates 2018 still to be confirmed



December-January Service Rota

31 December Christmas 1	Pauline Waugh Mary Stott	LHS: Louise RHS: Catriona	Jeremiah 31:15-17 Revelation 21:1-7 Matthew 2:13-18	Margaret Dunn	Louise Benson	Joyce James Kate Ross Janet Stack
7 January Epiphany	Mairi Ross David Hamblen	LHS: Louise RHS: Susan	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12	Mary Stott	Celia Fisher	Pauline Waugh Fiona Hempel Alex Stirling
14 January Epiphany 2	Janet Stack David Wheatley	LHS: John RHS: Celia	Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20	Ann Wheatley	Celia Fisher	Gioia Whitmore Elaine Perret John Brooker
21 January Epiphany 3	John Brooker Andrew Long	LHS: Mike RHS: Catriona	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28	David Wheatley	Andrew Long	Gillian Kingslake Sheena Macdonald Barbara Thompson
28 January Candlemas	Anne Shirlaw TBA	LHS: Graham RHS: Richard	Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40	Susan Gray	David Simmons	Ann Wheatley Brenda Hadcroft Jane Lewis

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December/January Services

Date	Services	
3rd December Advent 1 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy
	6pm Compline	
Monday - Thursday	8am Advent Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 6th	No Eucharist	
10th December Advent 2 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy
	6pm Compline	
Monday - Thursday	8am Advent Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 13th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
17th December Advent 3 (Rose)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Advent Liturgy
	6.30pm Lessons and Carols at New Kilpatrick	
Monday - Thursday	8am Advent Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 20th	11.30am Said Eucharist	
24th December Advent 4 (Violet)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Christingle and Crib	Non Eucharistic
24th December Christmas Eve (White)	5.30pm Carols and Hot Chocolate at All Saints followed by Service of Light at New Kilpatrick	
	11.30pm	Sung Eucharist
Christmas Day (White)	10.30 Sung Eucharist for the Nativity	
31st December Christmas 1 (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	
7th January Epiphany (transferred) (White)	9am Said Eucharist	1970 Liturgy
	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Liturgy
	6.30pm Lessons and Carols for Epiphany	
Wednesday 10th	No Services	
14th January Epiphany 2 (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Liturgy
Wednesday 17th	No Services	
21st January Epiphany 3 (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Epiphany Eucharist
Wednesday 24th	No Services	
28th January Candlemas (transferred) (White)	10.30am Sung Eucharist	Candlemas Liturgy